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Session 1: Word List

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit

synonym: charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency

Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

transgender

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

synonym : non-binary

(1) **transgender** person, (2) **transgender** rights

Many **transgender** individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

authenticity

n. the quality of being real or genuine

synonym : genuineness, originality, credibility

(1) **authenticity** verification, (2) lack **authenticity**

The museum's experts confirmed the **authenticity** of the painting.

sacred

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym : holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym : share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

conservative

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

synonym: traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

coworker

n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

synonym: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym : disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

alpha

n. the first letter in the Greek alphabet; in social and group dynamics, the highest or most dominant member of a group or social hierarchy

synonym : first, beginning, leader

(1) **alpha** particle, (2) **alpha** radiation

The company's new CEO was known for his **alpha** personality.

gentle

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

synonym : mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

estrangement

n. the state of being separated or distant, especially in a relationship or between family members or friends

synonym : alienation, separation, detachment

(1) **estrangement** from family, (2) emotional **estrangement**

The **estrangement** between the two friends lasted for years.

craft

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym : art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture

His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

homemade

adj. made at home rather than in a factory or workshop

synonym : self-made

(1) **homemade** article, (2) **homemade** bread

I prefer **homemade** cookies over store-bought ones.

jar

n. a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

synonym: container, vessel, pot

(1) a **jar** of jam, (2) a water **jar**

He placed the coins in a **jar** to save for a trip.

pickle

n. vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

synonym: jam, predicament, quagmire

(1) **pickle** a cucumber, (2) **pickle** barrel

The **pickle** must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym: calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

spiral

n. a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around

synonym: coil, helix, twist

(1) **spiral** staircase, (2) **spiral** design

The leaves of the fern were arranged in a **spiral** pattern.

denial

n. a statement that something is not true or does not exist

synonym: refusal, rejection, veto

(1) state of **denial**, (2) an absolute **denial**

She gave us a categorical **denial** of the scandal.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded

or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

acknowledge

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym : accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help

He never **acknowledged** his fault.

mourning

n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

synonym : grieving, sorrow, lamentation

(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual

She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

reconciliation

n. the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond

synonym : accord, agreement, settlement

(1) national **reconciliation**, (2) **reconciliation** of financial accounts

They had a complete **reconciliation** a few days after their argument.

playbook

n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

synonym: strategy, game plan, manual

(1) **playbook** strategy, (2) political **playbook**

The coach's **playbook** helped the team win the championship.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym: change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym: sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

redemption

n. the act of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil, or the process of regaining or earning something of value

synonym: rescue, salvation, liberation

(1) **redemption** of a loan, (2) a **redemption** bill

He saw his time in prison as an opportunity for **redemption**.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym: absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

lettuce

n. a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor

synonym : greens, salad, cress

(1) crisp **lettuce**, (2) wilted **lettuce**

I want a sandwich with extra **lettuce**, please.

fry

v. to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil

synonym : cook, roast, bake

(1) **fry** an egg, (2) **fry** over low heat

She devoted herself to **frying** the chicken in a pan until it was crispy and golden brown.

jean

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym : denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym : toil, moil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

disbelief

n. the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real

synonym : doubt, mistrust, incredulity

(1) **disbelief** in the authority, (2) ask in **disbelief**

His reaction was one of complete **disbelief**.

fringe

n. a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group

synonym : border, edging, trim

(1) **fringe** benefit, (2) on the **fringe** of the city

The dress had a **fringe** of beads along the hem.

liberal

adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

synonym : broad, free, large-minded

(1) a **liberal** arts college, (2) under **liberal** conditions

He is **liberal** in his thoughts.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym : pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

loyalty

n. the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something

synonym : faithfulness, devotion, allegiance

(1) **loyalty** program, (2) earn his **loyalty**

He has always shown great **loyalty** to his friends and family.

grief

n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

synonym : anguish, desperation, dismay

(1) have **grief** and sorrow, (2) a lot of **grief**

Each person has a unique **grief** experience.

wreck

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

synonym : collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**

The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

apologize

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

synonym: excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time
I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

retreat

n. the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

synonym: escape, withdrawal, vacation

(1) **retreat** deeper into their territory, (2) **retreat** in a mountain region

Many people go on a **retreat** to recharge and reconnect with themselves.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym: fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym: lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

disappointment

n. the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes

synonym: letdown, frustration, discouragement

(1) **disappointment** in the result, (2) **disappointment** with the service

The cancellation of the concert was a huge **disappointment** for the fans.

bacon

n. a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig

synonym: ham, pork belly, gammon

(1) **bacon** and eggs, (2) **bacon** sandwich

I love the smell of **bacon** sizzling in the morning.

bagel

n. a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices

synonym: roll, doughnut, bialy

(1) freshly baked **bagel**, (2) **bagel** with cream cheese

I prefer a toasty **bagel** with bacon and eggs for weekend brunch.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

intentionally

adv. in a planned or intended way

synonym: knowingly, calculatedly, deliberately

(1) she hit him **intentionally**, (2) She **intentionally** spread misleading information.

She would never **intentionally** hurt anyone.

transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

synonym: change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

jersey

n. a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

synonym: shirt, sweater, top

(1) **jersey** material, (2) fabric of the **jersey**

I always wear my favorite basketball player's **jersey** to the games.

turnpike

n. a high-speed, limited-access highway, often with toll booths; a barrier across a road with a rotating spindle used to control access

synonym: toll road, expressway, freeway

(1) **turnpike** interchange, (2) **turnpike** exit

The toll booth on the **turnpike** caused a traffic backup.

ministry

n. a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service

synonym: department, agency, bureau

(1) **ministry** officials, (2) enter the **ministry**

The **ministry** of education is responsible for managing the schools in the country.

tribe

n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

synonym: family, clan, kinsfolk

(1) aboriginal **tribe**, (2) mountain **tribe**

The **tribe** had distinctly defined gender roles.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

departure

n. the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
synonym : leaving, exit, flight

(1) **departure** from tradition, (2) **departure** from the company

The **departure** time for the flight is 6:00 am.

swift

adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
synonym : quick, speedy, brisk

(1) take **swift** action, (2) a **swift** current of a river

Her voice was **swift**, yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
synonym : build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

decompress

v. to reduce the pressure or tension on something or someone

synonym: unload, relieve, unburden

(1) **decompress** data, (2) **decompress** an archive file

She **decompressed** after a long day at work with a yoga class.

surrogate

adj. acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose

synonym: substitute, replacement, deputy

(1) **surrogate** pregnancy, (2) **surrogate** decision

The **surrogate** mother gave birth to a healthy baby for the couple who couldn't conceive independently.

executive

n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

synonym: administrator, manager, director

(1) **executive** editor at the publishing house, (2) **executive** vice president

As the **executive** director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym: architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

oversee

v. to watch and direct someone or something to make sure that it is being done correctly

synonym: manage, command, supervise

(1) **oversee** the process, (2) properly **oversee** the staff

A committee was appointed to **oversee** a huge budget.

completion

n. the act or process of finishing something that you are doing or making; the state of being finished

synonym: fruition, realization, accomplishment

(1) a **completion** ceremony, (2) scheduled **completion** date

The mayor announced that the renovation of the city hall is now nearing **completion**.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym: shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

ditch

n. a long, narrow, and shallow depression or channel that is dug into the ground; (verb) to throw away

synonym: trench, channel, furrow

(1) agricultural **ditch**, (2) **ditch** my career

The farmers used **ditches** to drain water from their fields.

cling

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

synonym: stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

jeopardize

v. to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone

synonym: endanger, imperil, risk

(1) **jeopardize** safety, (2) **jeopardize** reputation

His reckless behavior could **jeopardize** his chances of getting hired for the job.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

straddle

v. to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests

synonym: straddle, sit astride, span

(1) **straddle** a fence, (2) **straddle** a motorcycle

We had to **straddle** the fallen tree to cross the river.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym: prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line

Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

olive

n. a small green or black fruit with a bitter taste that is eaten or used to produce oil or a tree on which this fruit grows

(1) **olive** branch, (2) **olive** oil

They enjoyed reading under the **olive** trees.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym: limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

sake

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

synonym : purpose, reason, interest

(1) for your own **sake**, (2) for the **sake** of argument

He got a new job for the **sake** of his family.

impassioned

adj. having or showing strong feelings, enthusiasm, or dedication or making a strong emotional appeal

synonym : enthusiastic, fervent, ardent

(1) give an **impassioned** defense, (2) **impassioned** plea

He spoke with **impassioned** conviction about the need for change.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

glimpse

n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

synonym : glance, peek, sighting

(1) a momentary **glimpse**, (2) passing **glimpse**

Our team caught a **glimpse** of the world-class technique in this game.

confusion

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

synonym : disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**

The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

bold

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

synonym: brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds

The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

sensitive

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

synonym: exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

din

n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

synonym: noise, racket, clamor

(1) **din** of traffic, (2) mighty **din**

The **din** of the city was overwhelming.

awkward

adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

synonym: embarrassing, discomfiting, clumsy

(1) an **awkward** expression, (2) an **awkward** date

The **awkward** design of the interface made the operation

difficult.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym : certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

abate

v. to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time

synonym : decrease, diminish, reduce

(1) **abate** a storm, (2) **abate** a crisis

He tried to **abate** his anger by taking deep breaths and counting to ten.

laughter

n. the act or sound of laughing

synonym : laugh, chuckle, giggle

(1) **laughter** all around, (2) bring **laughter**

Some doctor says **laughter** is the best medicine.

subside

v. to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level

synonym : decrease, decline, diminish

(1) **subside** an argument, (2) **subside** after a short time

The storm **subsided**, leaving the town in peace.

toy

n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

synonym : plaything, game, trinket

(1) **toy** store, (2) **toy** box

He gave his daughter a new **toy** for her birthday.

christen

v. to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church

synonym: baptize, name, initiate

(1) **christen** a child, (2) **christen** the baby at the baptism

The newborn baby was **christened** in a ceremony at the church.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

foothill

n. a low hill at the base of a mountain or mountain range, typically found at the beginning of a slope or ascent and can have a significant impact on the local climate and ecology of an area

synonym: hillside, incline, slope

(1) **foothill** trail, (2) **foothill** region

The settlers built their homes in the **foothills** near the river.

rocky

adj. full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock

synonym: stony, boulder-strewn, rough

(1) **rocky** terrain, (2) **rocky** relationship

The **rocky** road made it difficult to drive on.

tube

n. a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

synonym: pipe, hose, duct

(1) a capillary **tube**, (2) a glass **tube**

The **tube** train was packed with commuters during rush hour.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular

outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

dawn

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

synonym : daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

wholly

adv. completely, entirely, or altogether; without exception or reservation

synonym : completely, entirely, totally

(1) **wholly** inadequate, (2) **wholly** healthy food

I am **wholly** committed to this project and will work hard to bring it to fruition.

dough

n. a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta

synonym : flour, mix

(1) work **dough**, (2) **dough** for pastry

She mixed flour, yeast, sugar, and water to make **dough** for the bread.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym : discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

twirl

v. to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion

synonym : spin, swirl, rotate

(1) **twirl** a ribbon, (2) **twirl** a hula hoop

She **twirled** her hair absentmindedly as she listened to the conversation.

burden

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

synonym : obligation, duty, load

(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease

That car has a low environmental **burden**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. di__h my career *n.* a long, narrow, and shallow depression or channel that is dug into the ground; (verb) to throw away
2. co_____er relationship *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
3. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
4. do__h for pastry *n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
5. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
6. crisp le_____e *n.* a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor
7. a means of liv_____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
8. ap_____ze for being late *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
9. a j_r of jam *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

ANSWERS: 1. ditch, 2. coworker, 3. engineer, 4. dough, 5. pretension, 6. lettuce, 7. livelihood, 8. apologize, 9. jar

10. ba__n and eggs *n.* a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig
11. f_y an egg *v.* to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil
12. ch_____en the baby at the baptism *v.* to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church
13. state of de___l *n.* a statement that something is not true or does not exist
14. scheduled com_____on date *n.* the act or process of finishing something that you are doing or making; the state of being finished
15. ab__e a storm *v.* to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time
16. ho_____de article *adj.* made at home rather than in a factory or workshop
17. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
18. sh___w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
19. dec_____ss an archive file *v.* to reduce the pressure or tension on something or someone

ANSWERS: 10. bacon, 11. fry, 12. christen, 13. denial, 14. completion, 15. abate, 16. homemade, 17. estimate, 18. shadow, 19. decompress

20. ex___d the warranty *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
21. ho____de bread *adj.* made at home rather than in a factory or workshop
22. buy the company's st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
23. un____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
24. re___t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
25. con_____ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
26. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
27. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
28. pl____ok strategy *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
29. agricultural di__h *n.* a long, narrow, and shallow depression or channel that is dug into the ground; (verb) to throw away

ANSWERS: 20. extend, 21. homemade, 22. stake, 23. unleash, 24. reject, 25. conservative, 26. mess, 27. labor, 28. playbook, 29. ditch

30. la_____er all around *n.* the act or sound of laughing
31. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
32. ol__e branch *n.* a small green or black fruit with a bitter taste that is eaten or used to produce oil or a tree on which this fruit grows
33. ack_____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
34. argue with a co_____er *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
35. mo_____ng ritual *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
36. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
37. ge___e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
38. freshly baked ba__l *n.* a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices
39. con_____ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner

ANSWERS: 30. laughter, 31. betray, 32. olive, 33. acknowledge, 34. coworker, 35. mourning, 36. struggle, 37. gentle, 38. bagel, 39. consciously

40. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
41. ap_____ze ahead of time *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
42. in great co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
43. fo_____ll trail *n.* a low hill at the base of a mountain or mountain range, typically found at the beginning of a slope or ascent and can have a significant impact on the local climate and ecology of an area
44. tu_____ke interchange *n.* a high-speed, limited-access highway, often with toll booths; a barrier across a road with a rotating spindle used to control access
45. al__a particle *n.* the first letter in the Greek alphabet; in social and group dynamics, the highest or most dominant member of a group or social hierarchy
46. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
47. mi_____ry officials *n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
48. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

ANSWERS: 40. mess, 41. apologize, 42. confusion, 43. foothill, 44. turnpike, 45. alpha, 46. gender, 47. ministry, 48. fan

49. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
50. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
51. dec_____ss data *v.* to reduce the pressure or tension on something or someone
52. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
53. fo_____ll region *n.* a low hill at the base of a mountain or mountain range, typically found at the beginning of a slope or ascent and can have a significant impact on the local climate and ecology of an area
54. national rec_____ion *n.* the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond
55. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
56. su_____e after a short time *v.* to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level
57. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 49. labor, 50. bold, 51. decompress, 52. survive, 53. foothill, 54. reconciliation, 55. church, 56. subside, 57. confuse

58. a momentary gl_____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
59. su_____e an argument *v.* to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level
60. t_y store *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
61. wilted le_____e *n.* a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor
62. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
63. a capillary t__e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
64. ab__e a crisis *v.* to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time
65. bring la_____er *n.* the act or sound of laughing
66. sp___l staircase *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
67. de_____re from tradition *n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
68. ba__n sandwich *n.* a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig

ANSWERS: 58. glimpse, 59. subside, 60. toy, 61. lettuce, 62. decide, 63. tube, 64. abate, 65. laughter, 66. spiral, 67. departure, 68. bacon

69. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
70. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
71. tw__l a hula hoop *v.* to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion
72. de_____re from the company *n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
73. work do__h *n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
74. sh___w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
75. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
76. t_y box *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
77. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 69. invite, 70. branch, 71. twirl, 72. departure, 73. dough, 74. shadow, 75. grandchild, 76. toy, 77. possibility

78. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
79. fr___e benefit *n.* a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group
80. baby with se_____ve skin *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
81. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
82. an aw_____d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
83. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
84. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
85. dual ge___r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
86. st_____le a motorcycle *v.* to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests

ANSWERS: 78. suffer, 79. fringe, 80. sensitive, 81. conversation, 82. awkward, 83. transition, 84. survive, 85. gender, 86. straddle

87. a red_____on bill *n.* the act of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil, or the process of regaining or earning something of value
88. mighty d_n *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
89. on the fr___e of the city *n.* a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group
90. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
91. a li_____l arts college *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
92. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
93. lo_____y program *n.* the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something
94. lack aut_____ity *n.* the quality of being real or genuine
95. sp___l design *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
96. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
97. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 87. redemption, 88. din, 89. fringe, 90. transition, 91. liberal, 92. fan, 93. loyalty, 94. authenticity, 95. spiral, 96. transformation, 97. engineer

98. She int_____lly spread misleading information. *adv.* in a planned or intended way
99. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
100. ex_____d a line *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
101. dis_____ent in the result *n.* the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes
102. st_____le a fence *v.* to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests
103. an aw_____d expression *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
104. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
105. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
106. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
107. re_____t deeper into their territory *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

ANSWERS: 98. intentionally, 99. extreme, 100. extend, 101. disappointment, 102. straddle, 103. awkward, 104. pretension, 105. dawn, 106. construct, 107. retreat

108. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
109. ex_____ve editor at the publishing house *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
110. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
111. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
112. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
113. no_____it agency *adj.* not established for commercial profit
114. ro__y terrain *adj.* full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock
115. se_____ve documents *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
116. dis_____ent with the service *n.* the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes

ANSWERS: 108. confuse, 109. executive, 110. transformation, 111. invite, 112. branch, 113. nonprofit, 114. rocky, 115. sensitive, 116. disappointment

117. in a ge___e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
118. sa___d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
119. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
120. have gr__f and sorrow *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
121. a no_____it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit
122. execution by burning at a st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
123. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
124. pi___e barrel *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
125. re_____t in a mountain region *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
126. pi___e a cucumber *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 117. gentle, 118. sacred, 119. livelihood, 120. grief, 121. nonprofit, 122. stake, 123. confident, 124. pickle, 125. retreat, 126. pickle

127. aboriginal tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
128. d_n of traffic *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
129. ask in di_____ef *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
130. a j__n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
131. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
132. a com_____on ceremony *n.* the act or process of finishing something that you are doing or making; the state of being finished
133. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
134. administrative co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
135. she hit him int_____lly *adv.* in a planned or intended way
136. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
137. for the s__e of argument *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done

ANSWERS: 127. tribe, 128. din, 129. disbelief, 130. jean, 131. definitely, 132. completion, 133. struggle, 134. confusion, 135. intentionally, 136. confident, 137. sake

138. emotional est_____ent *n.* the state of being separated or distant, especially in a relationship or between family members or friends
139. crack of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
140. je___y material *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
141. mo_____ng period *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
142. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
143. earn his lo_____y *n.* the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something
144. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
145. tra_____er person *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
146. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
147. bu___n of disease *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

ANSWERS: 138. estrangement, 139. dawn, 140. jersey, 141. mourning, 142. church, 143. loyalty, 144. construct, 145. transgender, 146. decide, 147. burden

148. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
149. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
150. mountain tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
151. a sw__t current of a river *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
152. su_____te pregnancy *adj.* acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose
153. a lot of gr__f *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
154. with de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
155. su_____te decision *adj.* acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose
156. aut_____ity verification *n.* the quality of being real or genuine
157. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
158. ch_____en a child *v.* to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church

ANSWERS: 148. religion, 149. determinant, 150. tribe, 151. swift, 152. surrogate, 153. grief, 154. delight, 155. surrogate, 156. authenticity, 157. religion, 158. christen

159. tra_____er rights *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
160. act con_____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
161. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
162. fabric of the je____y *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
163. ex_____ve vice president *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
164. a con_____ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
165. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
166. ov_____e the process *v.* to watch and direct someone or something to make sure that it is being done correctly
167. an absolute de____l *n.* a statement that something is not true or does not exist
168. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
169. carry a bu____n *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

ANSWERS: 159. transgender, 160. consciously, 161. ultimate, 162. jersey, 163. executive, 164. conservative, 165. craft, 166. oversee, 167. denial, 168. ultimate, 169. burden

170. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
171. a glass t__e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
172. wh___y inadequate *adv.* completely, entirely, or altogether; without exception or reservation
173. imp_____ed plea *adj.* having or showing strong feelings, enthusiasm, or dedication or making a strong emotional appeal
174. be___y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
175. a worthless wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
176. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
177. under li_____l conditions *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
178. cl__g tightly to the skin *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
179. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 170. grandchild, 171. tube, 172. wholly, 173. impassioned, 174. betray, 175. wreck, 176. decision, 177. liberal, 178. cling, 179. decision

180. di_____ef in the authority *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
181. jeo_____ze safety *v.* to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone
182. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
183. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
184. ol__e oil *n.* a small green or black fruit with a bitter taste that is eaten or used to produce oil or a tree on which this fruit grows
185. big, b__d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
186. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
187. enter the mi_____ry *n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
188. j__n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
189. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
190. rec_____ion of financial accounts *n.* the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond
191. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

ANSWERS: 180. disbelief, 181. jeopardize, 182. conversation, 183. definitely, 184. olive, 185. bold, 186. silent, 187. ministry, 188. jean, 189. possibility, 190. reconciliation, 191. encourage

192. ack_____ge the deed *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
193. ro__y relationship *adj.* full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock
194. properly ov_____e the staff *v.* to watch and direct someone or something to make sure that it is being done correctly
195. for your own s__e *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
196. a tremor of de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
197. a water j_r *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials
198. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
199. the house was a wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
200. tw__l a ribbon *v.* to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion

ANSWERS: 192. acknowledge, 193. rocky, 194. oversee, 195. sake, 196. delight, 197. jar, 198. determinant, 199. wreck, 200. twirl

201. wh___y healthy food *adv.* completely, entirely, or altogether; without exception or reservation
202. red_____on of a loan *n.* the act of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil, or the process of regaining or earning something of value
203. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
204. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
205. jeo_____ze reputation *v.* to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone
206. f_y over low heat *v.* to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil
207. al__a radiation *n.* the first letter in the Greek alphabet; in social and group dynamics, the highest or most dominant member of a group or social hierarchy
208. take sw__t action *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
209. the halo of a sa____d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
210. tu_____ke exit *n.* a high-speed, limited-access highway, often with toll booths; a barrier across a road with a rotating spindle used to control access
211. si____t reading *adj.* without any or little sound

ANSWERS: 201. wholly, 202. redemption, 203. craft, 204. unleash, 205. jeopardize, 206. fry, 207. alpha, 208. swift, 209. sacred, 210. turnpike, 211. silent

212. political pl_____ok *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
213. est_____ent from family *n.* the state of being separated or distant, especially in a relationship or between family members or friends
214. passing gl_____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
215. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
216. cl__g onto power *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
217. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
218. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
219. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
220. give an imp_____ed defense *adj.* having or showing strong feelings, enthusiasm, or dedication or making a strong emotional appeal
221. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 212. playbook, 213. estrangement, 214. glimpse, 215. extreme, 216. cling, 217. reject, 218. fin, 219. encourage, 220. impassioned, 221. fin

222. es____te a fair value

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

223. ba__l with cream cheese

n. a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices

224. su____r bad grades

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 222. estimate, 223. bagel, 224. suffer

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We had to _____ the fallen tree to cross the river.
 - v. to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests

2. He is _____ in his thoughts.
 - adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

3. The museum's experts confirmed the _____ of the painting.
 - n. the quality of being real or genuine

4. The storm _____ leaving the town in peace.
 - v. to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level

5. The newborn baby was _____ in a ceremony at the church.
 - v. to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church

6. His reaction was one of complete _____.
 - n. the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real

7. This space is a private office _____ to the President
 - adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

8. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
 - n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 1. straddle, 2. liberal, 3. authenticity, 4. subsided, 5. christened, 6. disbelief, 7. sacred, 8. labor

9. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.
- n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
10. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
11. I could no longer earn my own _____.
- n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
12. His reckless behavior could _____ his chances of getting hired for the job.
- v.* to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone
13. I prefer a toasty _____ with bacon and eggs for weekend brunch.
- n.* a type of bread product that is typically round, dense, and chewy with a hole in the center, often topped with seeds or spices
14. She mixed flour, yeast, sugar, and water to make _____ for the bread.
- n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
15. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
16. A committee was appointed to _____ a huge budget.
- v.* to watch and direct someone or something to make sure that it is being done correctly

ANSWERS: 9. craft, 10. fins, 11. livelihood, 12. jeopardize, 13. bagel, 14. dough, 15. decision, 16. oversee

17. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter
18. He made a frightful _____ in his room.
n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
19. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.
adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
20. Some doctor says _____ is the best medicine.
n. the act or sound of laughing
21. The coach's _____ helped the team win the championship.
n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
22. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.
adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
23. As the _____ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.
n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
24. He never _____ his fault.
v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

ANSWERS: 17. grandchild, 18. mess, 19. gentle, 20. laughter, 21. playbook, 22. bold, 23. executive, 24. acknowledged

25. She wore black clothing as a symbol of _____ for her grandmother.
- n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
26. The teacher is very _____ to children's feelings.
- adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
27. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
28. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
29. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
- v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
30. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
- v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
31. The company's new CEO was known for his _____ personality.
- n.* the first letter in the Greek alphabet; in social and group dynamics, the highest or most dominant member of a group or social hierarchy
32. The _____ train was packed with commuters during rush hour.
- n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

ANSWERS: 25. mourning, 26. sensitive, 27. ultimate, 28. determinant, 29. encouraged, 30. constructs, 31. alpha, 32. tube

33. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.

adj. not established for commercial profit

34. Her remarks _____ the debate.

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

35. I'm a big ____ of French food.

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

36. He _____ to the hope that he will find a job soon.

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

37. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

38. I want a sandwich with extra _____ please.

n. a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor

39. The mayor announced that the renovation of the city hall is now nearing _____.

n. the act or process of finishing something that you are doing or making; the state of being finished

40. The settlers built their homes in the _____ near the river.

n. a low hill at the base of a mountain or mountain range, typically found at the beginning of a slope or ascent and can have a significant impact on the local climate and ecology of an area

ANSWERS: 33. nonprofit, 34. confused, 35. fan, 36. clings, 37. rejected, 38. lettuce, 39. completion, 40. foothills

41. She _____ her hair absentmindedly as she listened to the conversation.

- v.* to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion

42. The _____ road made it difficult to drive on.

- adj.* full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock

43. The _____ between the two friends lasted for years.

- n.* the state of being separated or distant, especially in a relationship or between family members or friends

44. He saw his time in prison as an opportunity for _____.

- n.* the act of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil, or the process of regaining or earning something of value

45. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

46. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

- v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

47. He could not _____ against temptation.

- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

48. Each person has a unique _____ experience.

- n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

ANSWERS: 41. twirled, 42. rocky, 43. estrangement, 44. redemption, 45. decide, 46. estimated, 47. struggle, 48. grief

49. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
50. The farmers used _____ to drain water from their fields.
- n.* a long, narrow, and shallow depression or channel that is dug into the ground;
(verb) to throw away
51. The toll booth on the _____ caused a traffic backup.
- n.* a high-speed, limited-access highway, often with toll booths; a barrier across a road with a rotating spindle used to control access
52. Her voice was _____ yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.
- adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
53. The divers accidentally discovered a _____ on the ocean floor.
- n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
54. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
- n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
55. The leaves of the fern were arranged in a _____ pattern.
- n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
56. She _____ after a long day at work with a yoga class.
- v.* to reduce the pressure or tension on something or someone

ANSWERS: 49. engineer, 50. ditches, 51. turnpike, 52. swift, 53. wreck, 54. church, 55. spiral, 56. decompressed

57. The _____ must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

n. vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

58. He spoke with _____ conviction about the need for change.

adj. having or showing strong feelings, enthusiasm, or dedication or making a strong emotional appeal

59. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

60. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

61. I prefer _____ cookies over store-bought ones.

adj. made at home rather than in a factory or workshop

62. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

63. Many people go on a _____ to recharge and reconnect with themselves.

n. the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

64. The _____ mother gave birth to a healthy baby for the couple who couldn't conceive independently.

adj. acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose

ANSWERS: 57. pickle, 58. impassioned, 59. dawn, 60. branch, 61. homemade, 62. transformations, 63. retreat, 64. surrogate

65. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.
n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
66. Our team caught a _____ of the world-class technique in this game.
n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
67. The cancellation of the concert was a huge _____ for the fans.
n. the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes
68. The sudden policy change has caused _____ among employees.
n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
69. The _____ design of the interface made the operation difficult.
adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
70. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
71. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.
n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
72. The _____ of the city was overwhelming.
n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
73. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 65. transition, 66. glimpse, 67. disappointment, 68. confusion, 69. awkward, 70. silent, 71. delight, 72. din, 73. conversation

74. I _____ for neglecting your email.

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

75. Many _____ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

76. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

77. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

78. I'm not _____ in our victory.

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

79. He always makes a _____ estimation when predicting future sales.

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

80. The _____ of education is responsible for managing the schools in the country.

n. a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service

81. I love the smell of _____ sizzling in the morning.

n. a type of salt-cured pork that is usually sliced and fried; a meat product that is derived from the back or sides of a pig

ANSWERS: 74. apologize, 75. transgender, 76. religion, 77. consciously, 78. confident, 79. conservative, 80. ministry, 81. bacon

82. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.

- n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

83. I am _____ committed to this project and will work hard to bring it to fruition.

- adv.* completely, entirely, or altogether; without exception or reservation

84. They enjoyed reading under the _____ trees.

- n.* a small green or black fruit with a bitter taste that is eaten or used to produce oil or a tree on which this fruit grows

85. He has always shown great _____ to his friends and family.

- n.* the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something

86. She devoted herself to _____ the chicken in a pan until it was crispy and golden brown.

- v.* to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil

87. He placed the coins in a ____ to save for a trip.

- n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

88. She would never _____ hurt anyone.

- adv.* in a planned or intended way

89. I always wear my favorite basketball player's _____ to the games.

- n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

ANSWERS: 82. gender, 83. wholly, 84. olive, 85. loyalty, 86. frying, 87. jar, 88. intentionally, 89. jersey

90. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

91. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

92. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

93. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

94. The dress had a _____ of beads along the hem.

n. a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group

95. He gave his daughter a new ____ for her birthday.

n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

96. He tried to _____ his anger by taking deep breaths and counting to ten.

v. to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time

97. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 90. extreme, 91. pretensions, 92. invite, 93. betrayed, 94. fringe, 95. toy, 96. abate, 97. suffers

98. She gave us a categorical _____ of the scandal.

n. a statement that something is not true or does not exist

99. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

100. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

101. He got a new job for the _____ of his family.

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

102. That car has a low environmental _____.

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

103. She wore her favorite pair of _____ to the party.

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

104. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

105. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

106. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

ANSWERS: 98. denial, 99. possibility, 100. stake, 101. sake, 102. burden, 103. jeans, 104. definitely, 105. survive, 106. extend

107. They had a complete _____ a few days after their argument.

n. the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond

108. The _____ had distinctly defined gender roles.

n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

109. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

110. The _____ time for the flight is 6:00 am.

n. the act of leaving, especially to start a journey

111. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

112. My ex-_____ and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

ANSWERS: 107. reconciliation, 108. tribe, 109. unleash, 110. departure, 111. shadow, 112. coworker